

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 3469 - HB 3321**

February 4, 2008

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to file a justification report within 15 days of suspending, expelling, or referring a student to juvenile court. The report would include the circumstances of the action, statements from interested parties, and demographic characteristics of the student. LEAs are required to submit a monthly report to the Department of Education (DOE). DOE is required to compile data and submit annual report to the General Assembly.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$56,400**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- The DOE would need to hire one administrative assistant 3 to manage the process for receiving and collating approximately 166,874 (number of suspensions for 2006-2007) justification reports per year. The average salary for this position is \$37,290 plus benefits. The total state cost for salary plus benefits would be \$56,400. There would be an additional nominal cost for printing the report.
- LEAs would have an average of 2-3 reports per school per day. Time and cost to write justification reports is estimated to be not significant.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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